

# **GPCA Coordinating Committee Meeting Minutes - DRAFT**

## **JULY 6, 2020 7:30 to 9:30 PM**

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### **(1) Roll call: (5 minutes)**

There are currently 20 CC committee members. This mean quorum is a simple majority of 11.

Doug Barnett, David Bond, June Brashares, Eric Brooks, Meg Buckingham, Mica Daniel (alt. female co-co), Barry Hermanson, Tarik Kanaana, James Lauderdale, Lauren Mauricio, Mimi Newton (female Co-co), Nassim Nouri, Karen Nyhus, Christine Pepin, Shannel Pittman, Nicole Raglin, Justin Richardson, John Schmit, Audra Walton, Laura Wells.

16 of 20 were present at the finish of the Roll Call. With Quorum the meeting convened.

Doug Barnett called in at 7:39

Audra Walton called in at 7:46

Karen Nyhus called in at 7:49

John Schmit called in at 8:20

None were counted as missing.

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### **(1A) Welcome and Orientation of new members (June) (10 minutes)**

June Welcomed the new CC members and outlined the duties and referred them to the ByLaws for review.

Reference: Agenda item (6) and Appendix E.

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**(2) Roles (2 minutes):** Facilitator: Mimi; Notetaker: James; Timekeeper: Shannel; Vibeswatcher: Mica

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### **(3) Approval of Agenda (3 minutes) Late items:**

(6) LATE ITEM: Discussion Item: Introduction to CC Responsibilities per Bylaws and the CC's Previous Discussions

(10) LATE ITEM: Subject: Decision Item: Authorize an Emergency Online Vote to Support Prop 15 [School and Communities First], Prop 21 [Rental Affordability Act], Proposition 17 [Restoring a Voting Rights to Felons] Proposition 18 [Amendment Authorizing 17 Year Old's to Vote],

(11) LATE ITEM: Decision Item: Decide what remote conferencing platform, plan and/or subscription level the CC should use

(12) LATE ITEM - Decision Item: The CC should discuss and decide upon a Budget Work Plan Request to be submitted to the Finance Committee by no later than July 31, 2020

### **Discussion**

#### **Approved by Consensus**

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**(4) Approval of CC minutes**, June 1, 2020, as posted by Mimi Newton on June 15, at 8:19 a.m. (resent July 4, 2020 at 2:09 pm) (2 minutes)

## **Approved by Consensus**

### **(5) Consent Items and Action Items**

#### **(5A) Consent Items: (10 minutes)**

Background and Purpose: The consent calendar is intended to pass non-controversial items or items consented prior to the actual meeting. Any item may be objected to and that item will be placed at the end of the evening's agenda.

\*Proposal\*: Accept the following committee reports for inclusion into the meeting minutes:

Clearinghouse/GROW - Appendix A

Finance Committee - Appendix B

Bylaws Committee - Appendix C

Budget Workplan Request - Appendix D

GPCA Bylaws Pertaining to the Coordinating Committee - Appendix E

Summary of CC 48 Hour Voting since June's CC meeting - Appendix F

Summary of results of GA and SGA Votes June 2020 - Appendix G

The Green Party of California Statement on the Murder of George Floyd and Police Brutality Aimed at People of Color - Appendix H

## **Approved by Consensus**

### **(5B) ACTION ITEMS FROM JUNE MEETING: (2 minutes each, 20 minutes total)**

- Mica Daniel ASL Statement of Purpose – video is DONE, in progress with SoS, Nicole will post on website, Nassim will blast & ASL Statement is posted on GPCA website - but, as of the June CC meeting, Mica had not received anything from SOS.

- Shannel Pittman ATDWG Update – not yet available

- Mimi to work on analysis of CC Roles and Responsibilities for June 2020 meeting - Update: Continuing Process with more focus on VISION STATEMENT and who is responsible for what right now (See discussion re: Item 6, below).

- PNC Delegates and Alternate PNC Delegates – Tarik provided an update on the PNC Selection Committee work.

- Mica Daniel to follow up on becoming a signatory on the GPCA Bank Account - On hold during sheltering in place.

- Litigation regarding Top Two - Mimi will try to schedule Zoom Meeting with Richard Winger & Gautama Dutta in June.

— Using the SOS data to strategize elections – James encouraged people who enjoy working with data to dig deeper at a CCWG meeting

— Adding call for candidates to strategic plan (Tarik) – Tarik will update plan

— Citizens for Just Water - request for support (Audra) – Will update later

— CC to review The Green Party of California Statement on the Murder of George Floyd and Police Brutality Aimed at People of Color, drafted by Christine, Shannel and Nassim (See Appendix H), and barring any essential corrections for Nassim to send in a CH email blast. Done

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**(6) Subject: Discussion Item: Introduction to CC Responsibilities per Bylaws and the CC’s Previous Discussions (10 minutes)**

**Sponsors:** Mimi Newton, Marin County

**Background and Purpose:** This will update last month’s CC discussion about our members preferences and will focus on a review of specific responsibilities with an eye toward identifying specific CC members to “own” specific tasks. This could lead to additional insights into appropriate working groups and standing committee appointments at the August CC meeting and other action items (such as Bylaws Amendments, etc.)

**Proposal:** Review the chart of CC jobs and tasks (below), and ask for volunteers to shepherd these tasks. (Red = additional details)

Goal	CC jobs	Lead	New volunteers
Conduct GA	8-1.1 Establish draft agendas, <b>send an annual call for county delegates</b> and select facilitators for General Assembly meetings.	Tarik	
Conduct GA	8-1.2 Forward proposals to the Standing General Assembly.	Coco	
Build and strengthen County parties	8-1.3 Certify County Council members (as described in 6-6) in counties in which no County Council candidates qualified for the ballot in the preceding direct primary election, or in counties in which all members of the County Council have resigned and/or become disqualified from holding office.	Laura (GROW)	
Build and strengthen County parties	8-1.4 Determine active County Organizations (as described in 5-1)	Laura (GROW)	
Ensure Comm/WG Function	8-1.5 Appoint members to the Committees of the General Assembly (as described in Article 9) ( <b>Recruit members</b> )		
Ensure Comm/WG Function	8-1.6 Appoint a Coordinating Committee Liaison to Committees and Working Groups, who is charged with facilitating communications between that Committee or Working Group and the Coordinating Committee and in the case of certain committees as specified in Article 9, to serve as one of its two Co-Coordiators.		
Ensure Comm/WG Function	8-1.7 Request and receive reports from Committees and Working Groups, refer matters to them, and monitor and assist their work.		
Ensure Comm/WG Function	8-1.12 Establish Sub-Committees of the Coordinating Committee as necessary to accomplish these and other tasks of the Coordinating Committee as defined in these Bylaws.		
Represent GPCA Publicly	8-1.9 Make statements in the name of the Party.		

Administer GPCA	8-1.8 Authorize and ratify specific expenditures.		
Administer GPCA	8-1.10 Retain legal counsel on behalf of the GPCA and make decisions based upon that counsel consistent with the Coordinating Committee's duties under the other provisions of these bylaws.		
Administer GPCA	8-1.11 Propose a Strategic Plan to the General Assembly (as defined in 11-2.)		
Administer GPCA	8-1.13 Establish (and update) Internal Procedures of the Coordinating Committee as necessary, that are not in conflict with these Bylaws, to facilitate these tasks.		
Administer GPCA	CC secretary? Keeper of the strategic plan	Tarik	
Administer GPCA	CC secretary? Keeper of essential lists?	Laura	

**Implementation/Timeline/Resources:** Agendize another review of the responsibilities chart for discussion — and potentially decisions — at the August CC Meeting.

**References:** Existing GPCA Bylaws regarding the CC’s Responsibilities: (See Appendix E)

**Discussion**

- Karen had questions about the Strategic Plan presented to the GA
- Nassim offered that the GA Plan is more a yearly calendar and not a strategic exercise
- Barry suggested that the Plan is missing a key element of defining a “Vision”

No new volunteers took on any tasks yet, Mimi will revisit by email.

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**(7) Discussion Item: CC Committee Member Engagement (10 minutes)**

**Background:** Many members of the CC serve on other GPCA committees and working groups and participate in the ongoing administrative work required to run the party. Their contribution allows the CC to better integrate with our committee and working groups including CC members serving as Liaisons to the CC.

As we welcome our new CC members for the term July 2020 - June 2022, this is an opportune time to review how each CC members in involved with other efforts in GPCA and invite new members to comment.

**Proposal:** CC members to each describe how they are involved with GPCA in other roles and capacities and newly elected CC members to suggest areas in which they would like to coordinate, participate and contribute.

**Reference:**

- The CC members mandates roles and responsibilities are outlined in GPCA bylaws article 4 an 8 <http://www.cagreens.org/bylaws/06-24-2019>
- These are currently being reviewed by the CC as per discussion item proposed by Mimi Newton at the March 9, 2020 CC meeting.
- Our Committees and Working Groups all have vacancies and are in need of volunteers
- Committees: [Bylaws](#), [Clearinghouse](#), [Finance](#), [Information Technology](#), [Media](#), [Platform](#), Fundraising
- Working Groups: [Activist Training and Development](#), [Campaigns & Candidates](#), [Electoral Reform](#), [Green Issues](#), [Grassroots Organizing](#).

<b>CC Member</b>	<b>County Council</b>	<b>GPCA Role/CC Liaison /Comm/WG</b>	<b>GPUS or County Role / Other</b>	<b>Interests</b>
Mimi Newton	Marin	CC CoCo, CC agenda prep, Bylaws CoCo and Liaison, GA Note Taker, GA Planning	PNC Alternate, County Council	
Mica Daniels	San Joaquin	CC Alternate CoCo, CC agenda prep, Finance Liaison, Clearinghouse, GA Planning	County Council	
Doug Barnett	Los Angeles		former Treasurer, County Council (LACC since 2010)	
June Brashares	Sonoma	CCWG CoCo and Liaison, GPUS Delegate, GA Planning	SGA delegate, County Council	
Eric Brooks	San Francisco		SGA Delegate	Media, Platform
Tarik Kanaana	Sonoma	Strategic Plan tracker, GA Planning Lead, Platform Liaison, GPUS Delegation CoCo and Liaison	SGA Delegate, County Council	
James Lauderdale	Los Angeles	Bylaws	BRPP	
Nassim Nouri	Santa Clara	Clearinghouse CoCo and Liaison, GROW, volunteer IT	GPUS Delegate, SGA delegate, PNC delegate, County Council	
Christine Pepin	Santa Clara	GROW, volunteer CH	SGA delegate, PNC delegate, County Council	
Shannel Pitman		CCWG CoCo	PCSC, YES	
Audra Walton	Monterey County	IT Liaison	County Council	
Laura Wells		GROW CoCo and Liaison, GPCA Spokesperson, Media Liaison, GA Planning	SGA delegate, PNC delegate	
David Bond		IT CoCo	GPUS Delegate, PNC delegate, BRPP, PCSC	
Meg Buckingham	Fresno		PCSC, County Council	
Barry Hermanson	San Francisco	GPCA rep for Healthcare Now campaign		Fundraising, Clearinghouse
Lauren Mauricio	Tulare	Alternate SGA Moderator		Bylaws, Electoral Reform, Fundraising

Karen Nyhus	Sonoma		GPUS Alternate, County Council	Media, IT
Nicol Raglin	Nevada County	IT CoCo, SGA Admin	PNC Delegate, County Council	
Justin Richardson	Alameda County		GPUS Alternate, PNC Delegate, GPUS Animal Rights Com, County Council	Electoral Reform, Campaign finance
John Schmit	Stanislaus County		GPUS Alternate, SGA Delegate, County Council	Platform, Bylaws

**Discussion**

All members shared their current roles and interests. Nassim will follow up with CC by email.

**(8) Decision Item: update the GPCA Statement of Purpose on the SOS website (and our own website) deadline 7/16 (5 minutes)**

The latest statement of purpose, which we submitted last November to the CA Secretary of State’s Office, is at:

<https://www.cagreens.org/green-party-statement-purpose-november-2019-election>

Copy of email message Jared forwarded to the CC:

Fwd: GPC Qualified Political Party: Statement of Purpose  
 From: CA-Voter-Guide <[cavoterguide@sos.ca.gov](mailto:cavoterguide@sos.ca.gov)>  
 Date: Mon, Jun 29, 2020 at 2:10 PM  
 Subject: GPC Qualified Political Party: Statement of Purpose  
 To: [liaison@cagreens.org](mailto:liaison@cagreens.org) <[liaison@cagreens.org](mailto:liaison@cagreens.org)>  
 Cc: CA-Voter-Guide <[cavoterguide@sos.ca.gov](mailto:cavoterguide@sos.ca.gov)>, Guidera, Robin <[RGuidera@sos.ca.gov](mailto:RGuidera@sos.ca.gov)>

Good afternoon, Jared,  
 I hope you are looking forward to a fantastic week.  
 The California Secretary of State is once again offering California’s qualified political parties the opportunity to provide a Political Party Statement of Purpose for inclusion, should space allow, in the November 3, 2020, General Election, Official Voter Information Guide.  
 The Statement of Purpose is limited to 200 words. Solicitations for donations, references to other political parties, and references to candidates in other political parties will not be accepted. Not subject to the word count limit, we will print and/or post your party’s address, phone number, email address, website address, and social media address(es), if provided. Attached is a copy of your party’s previously submitted Statement of Purpose for your reference.

Please submit your party statement no later than 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 16, 2020 by email to [cavoterguide@sos.ca.gov](mailto:cavoterguide@sos.ca.gov) or by mail to:

California Secretary of State  
 Elections Division  
 Attn: VIG Coordinator  
 1500 11th Street, 5th Floor  
 Sacramento, CA 95814

If you have questions or would like additional information, I may be reached at (916) 695-1558 or [cavoterguide@sos.ca.gov](mailto:cavoterguide@sos.ca.gov).

Respectfully,  
Robin Guidera, Voter Information Guide Coordinator  
California Secretary of State | Elections Division  
(916) 695-1558

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**Discussion**

Concern by Barry that the Liaison to the SOS should have provided a Statement. Mica pointed out that the writing of Party Statements is the responsibility of the CC, and that what Jared had supplied was the last approved Statement by the CC after over a week of discussion and review by CC members. Jared's purpose was to remind the CC that if it wished to change the Statement it needed to do so by the deadline.

CC made the decision for Nassim and Mica to email the CC the approved November Statement of Purpose for any EMERGENT OR CRITICAL, changes for a 24-hour review. If none are raised Mica will authorize Jared for resubmission of the existing Statement.

**Approved by Consensus**  
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**(9) Decision items: application for appointment of members to the budget committee (5 minutes)**

Writing to request appointment to the GP budget or finance committee.

Robin Rowe Bio  
GPLAC state party delegate. GP Eco-Action committee. Ran for Beverly Hills City Council in the March 2020 election. Candidate for Beverly Hills Unified School District board in the November 2020 election.

Experience managing multi-million dollar budgets. Cyber risks subcommittee chairman for The CFO Alliance, a national non-profit association of CFOs. Awarded HeroX prize for innovation in financial AI. Successful stock trader on own account.

Designed accounting and sales management systems for Fortune 500 companies, banking and startups. Designed non-profit accounting, GIS and donor CRM systems for the YWCA and the Girl Scouts of Chicago. Designed Medicost hospital cost analysis right-pricing system. San Diego International Film Festival volunteer theatrical cash deposits manager.

Any questions, let me know.  
Robin

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**Discussion.**

- Several Concerns were expressed as to the propriety of this appointment.
- Nassim expressed concern over likely over-commitment by new members, Robin is running for School Board in Beverly Hills and has already been appointed to a GPUS Eco-Action Committee.
- Eric felt his position as finance capital manager placed him at direct odds with eco socialist party project, but he would step aside. Eric's statement follows:

I raised the following formal Concern that I was opposed but willing to Stand Aside on, approving the delayed consideration:

I believe it would be bad for the Green Party to appoint Robin Rowe who is a capitalist and actively promotes capitalism, to any voting position in the Green Party, because the Green Party is expressly an anti-capitalist party and should not appoint decision makers who fundamentally disagree with our core platform and principles. I also believe that Robin Rowe shares the same position with a small minority of GPCA members who have inappropriately and divisively, attempted and failed to pass, repeated votes within the GPCA to claim that perfectly sound and legal decisions made around the financing and financial record keeping of funds used for the 2017 Kern County GPCA General Assembly, were somehow illegal or unethical, when it has been clearly established by the GA that this was not the case. Therefore, it is not in the interest of the GPCA to appoint someone who might once again raise that divisive, false issue, to be directly involved in a voting position on our Budget Committee or Finance Committee. For these reasons I object to the delay of this item, and prefer that we simply reject the application now.

Eric Brooks  
Coordinating Committee Member  
San Francisco County

- Barry acknowledged the draw backs but felt Robin would be an acceptable choice.
- Mica proposed the CC postpone the appointment to next month after we have worked with Robin as a volunteer.

**Mica's proposal to postpone appointment was approved by Consensus.**

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**(10) Subject: Decision Item: Authorize an Emergency Online Vote to Support Prop 15 [School and Communities First], Prop 21 [Rental Affordability Act], Proposition 17 [Restoring a Voting Rights to Felons] Proposition 18 [Amendment Authorizing 17 Year Old's to Vote] (8 minutes)**

**Sponsors:** Shannel Pittman, Los Angeles County, Audra Wilson, Monterey County

**Background and Purpose:** Greens across the state have petitioned to ensure the these to propositions were on the ballot, while formal endorsement weren't always made, our understanding of the timeline means that GPCA still has time to get a yes statement for Proposition 15, which stem from the Schools and Communities First petitioning, and Proposition 21, the Rental Affordability Act, aka the Costa Hawkins repeal. As to Propositions 17 and 18, since we support an increase of democracy making sure that the younger generation and people with prior convictions have an access to democracy makes sense for our party.

**Proposal:** Because the deadline for arguments in support of Propositions is the 16<sup>th</sup> of this month, we feel that it is necessary for us to go record in support of these fairly positive propositions and State Constitutional Amendment, since they have names and numbers now.

**Implementation/Timeline/Resources:** If passed by a majority, 3 separate proposals will go out for a 48 hour vote so that while short statements of support are constructed just in case it passes.

**References:**

- Proposition 15:

[https://ballotpedia.org/California\\_Proposition\\_15,\\_Tax\\_on\\_Commercial\\_and\\_Industrial\\_Properties\\_for\\_Education\\_and\\_Local\\_Government\\_Funding\\_Initiative\\_\(2020\)](https://ballotpedia.org/California_Proposition_15,_Tax_on_Commercial_and_Industrial_Properties_for_Education_and_Local_Government_Funding_Initiative_(2020))

- Proposition 17:

[https://ballotpedia.org/California\\_Proposition\\_17,\\_Voting\\_Rights\\_Restoration\\_for\\_Persons\\_on\\_Parole\\_Amendment\\_\(2020\)](https://ballotpedia.org/California_Proposition_17,_Voting_Rights_Restoration_for_Persons_on_Parole_Amendment_(2020))



- Proposition 18: [https://ballotpedia.org/California\\_Proposition\\_18,\\_Primary\\_Voting\\_for\\_17-Year-Olds\\_Amendment\\_\(2020\)](https://ballotpedia.org/California_Proposition_18,_Primary_Voting_for_17-Year-Olds_Amendment_(2020))

- Proposition 21: [https://ballotpedia.org/California\\_Proposition\\_21,\\_Local\\_Rent\\_Control\\_Initiative\\_\(2020\)](https://ballotpedia.org/California_Proposition_21,_Local_Rent_Control_Initiative_(2020))

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**Discussion**

- Shannel presented that the due date for submission of a CC Statement of Support was coming up on July 16, suggested that CC needs to make a quick endorsement and encourage counties to join.
- June noted the CCWG usually corrals the County Council for endorsements for this type of thing, but that it was usually fairly slow. Where urgency is required the CC can make Bylaws Interpretations to make things quicker.
- Mimi offered to discuss working on a Bylaws Interpretation if necessary.
- Nassim was uncomfortable with the CC taking positions on state ballot propositions (voter referendums) where SGA makes these decisions. Asked what exactly is the 7/16 deadline for? Noted that CC had already taken a position on Schools and Communities but not Prop 15 which could be very different.
- Eric suggested a one week on line vote that would end with enough time to endorse.

**Decision on the proposal was postponed due time constraints.**

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**Meeting Concluded**

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**(11) Late Item: Decision Item: Decide what remote conferencing platform, plan and/or subscription level the CC should use for the remainder of the calendar year** (and moving forward, if – for example – a yearly subscription is appropriate) and authorize Mimi and Tarik to pursue that acquisition (8 minutes)

**Decision on the proposal was postponed due time constraints.**

**Sponsors:** Mimi Newton, Marin County and Tarik Kanaana, Sonoma County

**Background and Purpose:** We are using the existing Zoom account - at the same level we used it in June – for the month of July, 2020. On behalf of the CC, Tarik and Mimi purchased one Standard Pro (Monthly) subscription to Zoom with a \$50 boost to allow up to 500 participants at a meeting, for a total monthly charge in June of \$64.99. We failed to cancel it in time before it rolled over into July, but want to be clear, moving forward, what the best options are.

Purchasing a year’s Zoom subscription at the Standard Annual rate would cost \$12.49 per month (with one annual payment of \$149.90). But until July 15th they are offering 30% of (of the full price of 12X\$14.99=\$179.88) which would be \$125.9/yr or \$10.5/mo paid yearly. Whether paid monthly or annually, the standard subscription allows for up to 100 participants and includes additional add-on options, such as webinars or increased number of participants. All of these options have various additional costs associated with them, (see <https://zoom.us/pricing>).

In addition we need to be thinking about how we can utilize this platform for things like fundraising or promoting candidates or issues.

We have also recorded portions of the June GA to help the note taker. We could do the same for the CC meetings to assist note takers, and suggest we consider recording the CC Zoom meetings moving forward.

**Proposal:** determine appropriate platform, subscription level, etc. for our CC and General GPCA work, etc. Decide if the CC's Zoom meetings should be recorded, solely in order to help the note takers.

Implementation/Timeline/Resources:

Funding for any additional Zoom subscription should be incorporated into the 2021 Budget Work plan for the CC (see next item) and an updated request to adjust our current budget may be appropriate as well.

**References:** <https://zoom.us/pricing>

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**(12) LATE ITEM - Decision Item: The CC should discuss and decide upon a Budget Work Plan Request to be submitted to the Finance Committee by no later than July 31, 2020 (8 minutes)**

**Decision on the proposal was postponed due time constraints.**

**Sponsors:** Mimi Newton, Marin County, Maxine Daniel, San Joaquin County

**Background and Purpose:** FY21 work plans and any budget requests for January 1st, 2021, through December 31st, 2021 should be sent to the Finance Committee by the end of July 2020.

**Proposal:** Submit a Budget Request on behalf of the CC to the Finance Committee by no later than July 31, 2020

**Implementation/Timeline/Resources:** Transmit Work Plan Request to Finance Committee by July 31, 2020

**References:** See Appendix D. Messages from Robin Rowe, dated Tuesday, June 30, 2020, with Attachment, and Thursday, July 2, 2020 [reference 1]  
GPCA Budget Excerpt for CC from 2020 budget [reference 2]

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**(13) Subject, Discussion Item: SGA/GA delegate lists from counties (8 minutes)**

**Postponed due to time restrictions**

**Decision on the proposal was postponed due time constraints.**

**Sponsor:** Laura Wells, GROW/Grassroots Organizing Working Group

**Background and Purpose:** Terms for the Standing General Assembly/General Assembly (SGA/GA) delegates ended on June 30, 2020, and so it is time now to obtain from the counties their lists of SGA/GA delegates for term ending 6/30/21.

**Discussion:** CC members from their counties will be asked to assist in this process to ensure that their own counties send in their lists, and to help with other counties.

**References:**

Bylaws: 7-1.2 The total number of delegates and the number of delegates per county shall be the total of two sums:

7-1.2(a) Each active County Organization shall have at least one delegate seat, for a total of 58 if County Organizations are active in all of California's counties.

7-1.2(b) Each active County Organization shall have an additional number of delegates seats out of an additional 100 seats, equal to its percentage of registered Greens from within the county, compared to the total number of registered Greens in all counties, with a minimum of 1% required for one seat, times 100. Delegate counts for active County Organizations shall be tallied annually based upon the most current Secretary of State Report of Registration, and shall be effective from July 1st to the following June 30th. Each active County Organization shall appoint delegates and an appropriate number of alternates to serve as General Assembly delegates for the next year. Each active County Organization may submit a list of their approved Alternate Delegates who can be at the ready to fill in as Delegates if their County's Delegates are not available to utilize up to the total number of that County's allotted Delegate votes for any specific in-person vote.

Delegate allotment: See Tarik Kanaana email, 5/30/20  
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## **APPENDICES**

### **APPENDIX A. Clearinghouse & GROW Joint Report**

CH/GROW Joint Meeting Minutes - 6/9/20

1- Roll Call - Clearinghouse: Mica Daniel (timekeeper), Nassim Nouri (notes)  
GROW: Richard Gomez, Christine Pepin, Laura Wells (facilitator).

2- Update - General Assembly on June 13-14 will be virtual. As of 6/9/20 at 6pm, 54 Greens were registered, including 26 who are SGA/GA delegates, and we are close to quorum.

3- Update - Green map is being developed which could provide information such as websites, facebook pages, twitter accounts for state and county parties. Need someone to gather CA county info in a spreadsheet/list. Hawkins campaign may use it.

4- Discussion - Community Policing. Language and GPCA platform position is needed to balance the call to de-fund the police with a plan for creating an alternative community policing system. Looking for issue experts to help develop language.

5- Update - "Register Green campaign" and "Meme Factory". Now is a good time to bring together movement and electoral politics. Our memes can encourage registering, voting, running and winning Green, as in a recent GPCA meme, "If WE vote for representatives who share OUR VALUES we wouldn't have to be fighting them to do the right thing!"

6- Next call on second Tues, July 14, 2020 - 7:30pm.

Note that it's the Tuesday after the virtual national Green Party annual meeting and Presidential Nominating Convention taking place July 9-12.  
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### **APPENDIX B. Finance Committee Report**

FINANCE COMM. MTG. Saturday, June 27, 2020, 6 PM to 7 PM  
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(1) Roll call: Mica Daniel (CC Liaison), Ruscal Cayangyang (Treasurer), David Bond, Barry Hermanson, Robin Rowe

(2) Approval of the Agenda by consensus

(3) Approval of Minutes May 30, 2020 as posted on June 1, 2020 to GPCA CC. See Appendix A

approved by consensus

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(4) Please review 2020 schedule and deadlines from FPPC when we need to turn in our forms: [Political Party Committees](http://www.fppc.ca.gov/learn/campaign-rules/where-and-when-to-file-campaign-statements/when-to-file-campaign-statements-state-local-filing-schedules.html)  
<http://www.fppc.ca.gov/learn/campaign-rules/where-and-when-to-file-campaign-statements/when-to-file-campaign-statements-state-local-filing-schedules.html>

Filing July 31, 2020

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(5) Treasurer monthly report:  
June Treasurer Report  
Travis Credit Union state acct \$9,345.27  
Travis Credit Union federal acct: \$1,600.00  
Main PayPal \$2,278.59  
Old PayPal \$131.08

Checks To Be Deposited (please enter into Nationbuilder for record-keeping )

\$500 Barry Hermanson,  
\$30 Jeanne Rosenmeier,  
\$80 George Schimpf,

Expenses:

\$100 Liquid Web Wired Tree  
\$10.45 Call Centric  
\$200.00 Treasurer Stipend

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Action Item Report:

Pay \$1000.00 on fines?  
That has not yet been accomplished.

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(6) Discussion: Budget Committee Formation (10 minutes)

We need to send out requests for their work plan and budget for 1 January 2021 through 31 December 2021 to the committees and working groups. Deadline for the work plans and budget request is August 15, 2020

For those wanting appointment to the Budget Committee send a request for appt to CC at [gpcacc@lists.cagreens.org](mailto:gpcacc@lists.cagreens.org)

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(7) Discussion: Intersection of Budget and Finance (10 minutes)

Should the budget committee have a separate day and time to meet?

Yes, but after the information from the committees and working groups begin to come to the Finance Committee.

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(8) Next meeting date

Saturday July 25, 2020, from 6 pm to 7 pm

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**APPENDIX C. Bylaws Committee Report**

Monthly Bylaws Committee Report to the GPCA Coordinating Committee – June 2020

From: The GPCA ByLaws Committee  
To: The GPCA Coordinating Committee  
Date: July 3, 2020  
Submitted By: Mimi Newton, Co-Co ByLaws Committee

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Date of the last ByLaws Committee Meeting:

Saturday, June 6 at 12:00 pm

Present: Mimi Newton (Marin), James Lauderdale (Los Angeles), Jeser Suarez (Los Angeles)

Date of the next ByLaws Committee Meeting: Saturday, July 16 at 12:00 pm. Join Zoom Meeting

Any significant actions the Committee is taking:

Continued work by the Bylaws Committee will include:

1. Working with the IT Committee to post updated, searchable version of the Bylaws, including a searchable table of contents (Mimi);
  2. Working with the IT Committee to post haikus with Bylaws (Mimi); and
  3. Creating a power point to better explain the Bylaws in terms that are easily understandable (Mimi).
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#### **APPENDIX D. LATE ITEM - BUDGET WORK PLAN REQUEST**

##### **Reference 1. Message from Robin Rowe dated July 2, 2020:**

Hi, again. Hope you are well.

Mica asked me to send out a correction/clarification...

The Finance Committee is asking that co-cos submit their work plans and budgets by July 31st. The absolute deadline for submitting your requests is August 15th, 2020.

When I said I'm new to the committee, I only meant I'm new here. Still waiting for word on my appointment.

Leaving my company name in my sig line in my email to you was an oversight. Not some sort advertisement.

Robin

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Robin Rowe

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----- Forwarded message -----

From: Robin Rowe

Date: Tue, Jun 30, 2020 at 6:31 PM

Subject: GP Work Plans and Budgets Now Due

To: Robin Rowe XXXXX

How are you? Hope you are well.

It's that best time of year again. It's budget time!

This email is a request to the current co-coordinators of GP committees and working groups to submit your FY21 work plans and any budget requests. That is, for January 1st, 2021, through December 31st, 2021.

Work plans and budgets to be submitted to the Finance Committee no later than August 15th, 2020, at [finance-cmte@lists.cagreens.org](mailto:finance-cmte@lists.cagreens.org). Please do right away, not wait until August. Doesn't get better with age!

By next week too soon for you to complete this?

For anyone who hasn't done this before, a sample work plan budget request is enclosed.

I'm new to the committee. My finance background includes directing multi-million dollar budgets, Cyber risks subcommittee chairman for the non-profit CFO Alliance, and development of financial systems for non-profits (YWCA, Girl Scouts).

If you have questions, need help, anticipate delay, or received this email in error, please let me know.

Thank you!  
Robin

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“Information Technology (IT) Committee Work Plan and Budget – FY 2020 attached as an example”

**Reference 2. Budget Example**

<b>Fund</b>	<b>Expense</b>	<b>Items</b>	<b>2020 Budget</b>	<b>2019 Actuals</b>	<b>2019 Budget</b>	<b>Requests</b>
State Acct 3157	CC	Office Supplies	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
State Acct 3157		CC retreat food costs	0.00	0.00	400.00	400.00
State Acct 3157		CC gathering site food costs	0.00	0.00	300.00	300.00
State Acct 3157		CC gathering site rental costs	0.00	0.00	0.00	910.00
State Acct 3157		Other	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
		<b>Total CC Expenses</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>700.00</b>	<b>1,610.00</b>

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**APPENDIX E. GPCA Bylaws Pertaining to the Coordinating Committee**

**Section 4-2 Coordinating Committee**

The Coordinating Committee shall authorize and carry out decisions of the General Assembly and make executive decisions, but not set policy between General Assembly meetings, and shall be generally responsible for coordinating General Assemblies and other statewide meetings, internal communications and other Party administrative tasks as defined in these Bylaws.

**Section 8-1. Duties and Authority.**

The Coordinating Committee shall authorize and carry out decisions of the General Assembly and make executive decisions, but not set policy between General Assembly meetings, and shall be generally responsible for coordinating General Assemblies and other statewide meetings, internal communications and other Party administrative tasks as defined in these Bylaws, including to

8-1.1 Establish draft agendas and select facilitators for General Assembly meetings.

8-1.2 Forward proposals to the Standing General Assembly.

- 8-1.3 Certify County Council members (as described in 6-6) in counties in which no County Council candidates qualified for the ballot in the preceding direct primary election, or in counties in which all members of the County Council have resigned and/or become disqualified from holding office.
- 8-1.4 Determine active County Organizations (as described in 5-1)
- 8-1.5 Appoint members to the Committees of the General Assembly (as described in Article 9)
- 8-1.6 Appoint a Coordinating Committee Liaison to Committees and Working Groups, who is charged with facilitating communications between that Committee or Working Group and the Coordinating Committee and in the case of certain committees as specified in Article 9, to serve as one of its two Co- Coordinators.
- 8-1.7 Request and receive reports from Committees and Working Groups, refer matters to them, and monitor and assist their work.
- 8-1.8 Authorize and ratify specific expenditures.
- 8-1.9 Make statements in the name of the Party.
- 8-1.10 Retain legal counsel on behalf of the GPCA and make decisions based upon that counsel consistent with the Coordinating Committee's duties under the other provisions of these bylaws.
- 8-1.11 Propose a Strategic Plan to the General Assembly (as defined in 11-2.)
- 8-1.12 Establish Sub-Committees of the Coordinating Committee as necessary to accomplish these and other tasks of the Coordinating Committee as defined in these Bylaws.
- 8-1.13 Establish Internal Procedures of the Coordinating Committee as necessary, that are not in conflict with these Bylaws, to facilitate these tasks.

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**APPENDIX F. Summary of CC 48 Hour Voting since June’s CC meeting**

**1. Proposal: Draft GA agenda**

Sponsor: Tarik Kanaana for the GA Planning Committee

Voting Began: June 5, 2020 at 12:38 pm

Voting ended: June 7, at 12:30 pm.

A 48 hour votes require 2/3 quorum (11 CC members), and an approval threshold of 80% (of the yes and no votes)

**Results - The proposal passes with zero NO vote and zero Abstaining and 15 YES votes from:**

Carol, Shannel, Mica, Laura, Tarik, June, Ann, Nassim, Eric, Mimi, Marla, Doug, Christine, Audra, Jim

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**2. Proposal: 48-hour vote for Endorsement of CA State Public Bank (AB 310)**

On Jul 13, 2020, at 11:12 PM, Laura Wells <XXXX> wrote:

*VOTING PERIOD STARTS NOW and continues through Wednesday, July 15, at 11:00 pm.  
Please vote by replying to this email with your vote of "Yes", "No", or "Abstain".*

**A 48 hour votes require 2/3 quorum (14 CC members), and an approval threshold of 80% (of the yes and no votes)**

**[http://www.cagreens.org/committees/coordinating/procedures#Article\\_IV\\_On-Line\\_Proposals](http://www.cagreens.org/committees/coordinating/procedures#Article_IV_On-Line_Proposals)**

**Subject:** Endorsement of CA State Public Bank (AB 310)

**Sponsor:** Laura Wells and Nassim Nouri

**Background and Purpose:** Public Banking has made great progress in California during the past year. This year there is an opportunity to develop a California Public Bank.

California's local governments are projecting calamitous revenue shortfalls due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Local governments are faced with having to cut critical services such as schools, food programs and public health, which disproportionately harm communities of color. Small businesses, particularly those owned by people of color, are especially vulnerable. This is the time to invest directly in local governments and small businesses to aid the economic recovery. This year, because of the pandemic, there is an opportunity to develop a state public bank that will reinvest in housing, transportation, clean energy, and jobs for the people of California.

AB 310 is now in the state legislature, and Sacramento needs as much pressure as possible from the public to counteract the pressure it gets from the private Wall Street banks. AB 310 calls for conversion of the existing California State Infrastructure Bank (IBank) into first a COVID-19 relief fund using 10% of the state's Pooled Money Investment Account, which amounts to almost \$10 billion. The bill requires the IBank to convert into a depository public bank by January 1, 2023, and to hold at least 20% of the state's money. Then, the new CA State Bank will be tasked with supporting the development of local public banks in California. (Please see the map in References below.)

**Proposal:** That the GPCA endorse AB 310.

**Implementation/Timeline/Resources:**

Here is the organizational endorsement form for one of the CC Co-Coordinator to submit as soon as the vote to approve has finished.

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfoxIX2yDvbicKUesVXsYL8MTEyzS5\\_Z3oH4BpmHsAK2xDrrQ/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfoxIX2yDvbicKUesVXsYL8MTEyzS5_Z3oH4BpmHsAK2xDrrQ/viewform)

**References:** Summary of AB 310 with links to FAQs and other resources:

<https://ab310.org/>

Map of the U.S. showing the great progress that is being made, especially in California:

<https://www.publicbankinginstitute.org/local-efforts-by-state/>

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**Results (as per 7/15 11:50pm email from Laura Wells to the CC) - The proposal passes with zero NO vote and zero Abstaining and 16 YES votes from:**

James, Laura, Nassim, Eric, Christine, Nicole, June, Meg, John, Shannel, Justin, David, Mica, Barry, Tarik, and Audra.

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**APPENDIX G. Summary of results of GA and SGA Votes June 2020**

General Assembly, Saturday, June 13, 2020, Bylaws Interpretation regarding shortening the discussion period for two current (5/2020) SGA proposal from Contra Costa GP from six to four weeks  
Approved by Consensus

**SGA Votes on Items # 192 - #196**

Voting began just after midnight, on June 14th at 12:01 AM and ended on Sunday, June 21st at 11:59 PM. Individual results via the links below are being updated 12:01 pm 6/23/2020

ID# 192 - To fill 12 Seats on the GPCA CC  
[http://int-cagreens.nationbuilder.com/sga\\_id\\_192](http://int-cagreens.nationbuilder.com/sga_id_192)

Elected in alphabetical order: David Bond, June Brashares, Meg Buckingham, Barry Hermanson, James Lauderdale, Lauren Mauricio, Nassim Nouri, Karen Nyhus, Nicole Raglin, Justin Richardson, John Schmit, and Laura Wells.

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ID# 193 - To fill 8 GPUS California Delegate Seats  
[http://int-cagreens.nationbuilder.com/sga\\_id\\_193](http://int-cagreens.nationbuilder.com/sga_id_193)

Elected in alphabetical order: Josefina Aranda, David Bond, June Brashares, Sadie Fulton, Tarik Kanaana, Noura Khouri, Peggy Koteen, and Nassim Nouri

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ID# 194 - To fill 9 GPUS California Alternate Delegate Seats  
[http://int-cagreens.nationbuilder.com/sga\\_id\\_194](http://int-cagreens.nationbuilder.com/sga_id_194)

Elected in alphabetical order: Diana C. Brown, Mike Cordova, Ava Kermani, Jared Laiti, Susan Collier Lamont, Manuel A. Musquiz, Cordula Ohman, Justin Richardson, and John Schmit.

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ID# 195 - Amendment, Fiscal Policy: Timing of Fiscal Year  
[http://int-cagreens.nationbuilder.com/sga\\_id\\_195](http://int-cagreens.nationbuilder.com/sga_id_195)

78 Votes Cast, the threshold of 2/3 (52) was not reached. The amendment did not pass.

29 Yes

47 No

2 No position

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ID#196 - Request for an audit report as required in the approval of the 2018-19 Budget  
[http://int-cagreens.nationbuilder.com/sga\\_id\\_196](http://int-cagreens.nationbuilder.com/sga_id_196)

78 Votes Cast, the threshold of 3/5 (47) was not reached. The request did not pass.

32 Yes

45 No

1 No position

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## **APPENDIX H.**

### **The Green Party of California Statement on the Murder of George Floyd and Police Brutality Aimed at People of Color**

The Green Party of California stands in solidarity with the Black and Brown community and condemns the brutal murder of George Floyd by Minneapolis police officers on May 25th. We join the [Movement for Black Lives](#) in calling for the arrest and prosecution of all police officers involved in George Floyd's murder, the end to police brutality and to the global racialized capitalist system.

This violent criminal act at the hands of police who are supposed to protect people from harm stems from a widespread culture of racism, white supremacy, and disregard for black lives that dates back to slavery. The resulting outrage and global protests by diverse communities rightfully demand that we fundamentally change our society, and our culture.

George Floyd is another victim in a series of racialized killings by police forces that have been going on for centuries in the United States. In California, since the beating of Rodney King by LAPD in 1991, numerous unarmed black and brown people have been executed by law enforcement officers including Oscar Grant, murdered by Oakland BART police officers in 2008, 13-year-old Andy Lopez shot by a Sonoma County sheriff's deputy in Santa Rosa in 2013, Antonio Guzman Lopez killed by San Jose State University police officers in 2014, Luis Gongora Pat shot and killed by SFPD in 2016, and Stephon Clark killed by two Sacramento police officers in 2018. And just this week, amidst protests over the killing of George Floyd, Sean Monterrosa was murdered by a police officer when kneeling outside a store in Vallejo.

A 2015 report revealed that African American men had been killed by police in California at [eight times the rate of other residents](#) since 2005, even though they only made up about 3% of the state's population at the time. In 2018 in San Francisco, [SFPD stopped black people](#) at rates over five times

their representation in the city's overall population. California also has some of the [strictest laws](#) protecting officers from being held accountable for shootings in criminal court.

The Green Party of California condemns the curfew orders issued across California that are clearly an attempt to suppress people's rights to assembly and free speech, and also allow law enforcement to more easily arrest protesters, particularly people of color. Communities of color and working families already victimized by more violent policing, are also the most impacted financially by the shelter-in-place orders, and the most likely to lose their jobs, their health insurance and become ill due to COVID-19.

That's why we MUST listen to the demands of the Black and Brown community today.

The Green Party of California joins the [National Black Caucus of the Green Party of the United States](#) and the [Young EcoSocialists](#) in demanding accountability and community control of the police. The Green Party supports the ability of cities to establish civilian police review boards to increase understanding between community members and police officers and sheriff's deputies that go beyond standard government bureaucracy. These boards would provide a public forum to air concerns on policy matters with sufficient autonomy and authority to ensure public oversight and accountability of their local police department or sheriff's office.

The Green Party platform calls for [criminal justice reform](#) to reverse the national policy of racially selective mass incarceration and to end police militarization. Curfews, police brutality, the use of tear gas, kettling, and restraining techniques such as choke holds are tactics employed by military states to intimidate and squash dissent. Social uprisings and unrest arise from injustice, not violence.

The racial, social, economic, and environmental crises we continue to face are the direct result of the capitalist system that puts profit over people, peace, and the planet. These interconnected crises, exacerbated by the current unprecedented COVID health crisis, disproportionately affect front-line low-wage workers and communities of color. Access to free universal healthcare, guaranteed jobs at a living wage, free high-quality education, affordable housing, clean water, and public ownership of energy (aka a [REAL Green New Deal](#)) are basic human rights that a true democratic government should provide. Authors from Malcolm X to Richard Wolff have noted how [capitalism supports racism](#). The historical moment has arrived for us to banish racism, capitalism, and other forms of oppression from our society. We must not fail to answer that call.

#BlackLivesMatter #EndPoliceBrutality

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